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### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### **Chinese Taipei offers USD 80,000 (CHF 73,700) for food safety, animal and plant health standards**

Chinese Taipei has donated USD 80,000 (CHF 73,700) to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) for 2013 to help developing countries establish and implement sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) towards health protection and increase their ability to gain or maintain access to markets.

The STDF also acts as a forum for WTO members to share and gather information on how they assist developing and least-developed countries in meeting their SPS-related requirements. The STDF is a joint initiative of the WTO, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health.

This new donation brings its total contributions up to USD 1,784,000 (CHF 1,644,000) since 2002.

“Compliance with international standards can be an obstacle for developing countries to fully participate in the multilateral trading system. I welcome this contribution from Chinese Taipei which will play a critical role in strengthening the capacity of developing countries in this area, thereby facilitating their integration into the global economy,” declared WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo.

Chinese Taipei’s Permanent Representative to the WTO Dr. Shin-Yuan LAI stated: “As a developing country Member ourselves, we fully understand the challenges that may be faced by our fellow developing country Members and LDC Members when it comes to compliance with SPS-related requirements. We continue to believe that improved SPS capacity will facilitate economic growth, poverty reduction, job creation and environmental protection.”

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